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Filed : August 6, 1999
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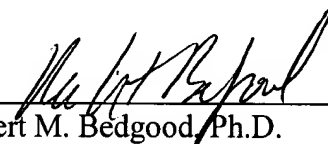
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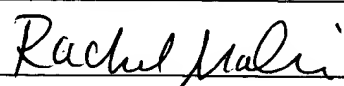
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